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SUMMARY: ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE MADE NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIONS TO DEPARTMENT IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS REGARDING TREATMENT OF CURRENTLY EMBARGOED SUITS IN CATEGORY 237. USG TEXTILE OFFICIALS HAVE PROPOSED NEW INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW SUITS CURRENTLY UNDER EMBARGO TO ENTER BUT ALLOW NO FURTHER ENTRIES OF EITHER MAN-MADE FIBER OR WOOL SUITS UNTIL LONG TERM BILATERAL AGREE-
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MENT IS REACHED. END SUMMARY.

1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, ROMANIAN ENTRIES IN CATEGORY 237 REACHED BOTH INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AND ARTICL" 3 LIMITS ON APRIL 5.

2. ON APRIL 7, ECON COUNSELOR BESTELIU REQUESTED APPOINT-

MENT WITH DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS EMBARGOED SUITS. HE STATED THAT GOR FIGURES SHOWED SHIPMENTS IN CATEGORY 237 SINCE JANUARY 1 TO BE AT 91,200 UNITS. SINCE APPROXIMATELY 15,800 UNITS ARE NOW IN EMBARGO, HE STATED THAT GOR POSITION WAS THAT INTERIM ARRANGEMENT LEVEL HAD NOT BEEN

REACHED. HE REQUESTED THAT SUITS NOW UNDER EMBARGO BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO BE CHARGED AGAINST WHATEVER FUTURE QUOTA IS REACHED.

3. USG AGREED TO TAKE ROMANIAN PROPOSAL UNDER ADVISEMENT. AFTER MEETING WITH DCM IONITA ON APRIL 12, US CONCERNED AGENCIES DETERMINED THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ROMANIAN PROPOSAL. WE SO INFORMED IONITA.

4. IONITA REQUESTED SECOND MEETING ON APRIL 12 AND INFORMED US ON BEHALF OF GOR THAT THEY WERE NOW PREPARED TO ACCEPT AMENDED INTERIM ARRANGEMENT DISCUSSED IN BUCHAREST. WE INFORMED IONITA THAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAD SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED SINCE PROPOSAL TABLED IN BUCHAREST AND THAT CONCERNED AGENCIES WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW SITUATION BEFORE RESPONDING.

5. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ROMANIANS ADMIT TO OVERSHIPMENT OF AT LEAST 6,000 SUITS UNDER INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AND IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND ROMANIAN FIGURES CONCERNING ENTRIES OF CATEGORY 237 SUITS SHIPPED AFTER JANUARY 1, USG BELIEVES IT NOW NOT REPEAT NOT FEASIBLE TO GO FORWARD WITH AMENDMENT TO INTERIM ARRANGEMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE DETERMINED THAT THE BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO PROPOSE A NEW INTERIM ARRANGEMENT BASED ON ENTRIES IN BOTH CATEGORIES 120 AND 237 AFTER JANUARY 1, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DATE OF SHIPMENT. US STATISTICS SHOW THAT 114,333 UNITS HAVE ENTERED IN CATEGORY 237 AND 12,566 UNITS IN CATEGORY 120 SINCE JANUARY 1, OR A TOTAL OF 126,929 SUITS. NEW INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WOULD PROVIDE THAT A TOTAL OF 143,000 UNITS IN CATEGORIES 120 AND 237 COMBINED WOULD BE ALLOWED ENTRY AFTER JANUARY 1 AND UNTIL A LONG-TERM BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED. THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD ALLOW THE ROMANIANS TO ENTER THE 15,800 SUITS WHICH ARE NOW IN EMBARGO BUT WOULD ALLOW NO FURTHER ENTRIES OF EITHER WOOL OR MAN-MADE FIBER SUITS UNTIL A BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

6. WE PRESENTED NEW PROPOSAL TO IONITA THIS AFTERNOON. HE INDICATED HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT PROPOSAL TO HAVE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD COVER SUITS SHIPPED BEFORE JANUARY 1 CREATED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR GOR. HE AGREED TO REFER PRO-

POSAL TO AMBASSADOR AND REITERATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT
THAT ROMANIA WISHED TO PROCEED WITH AMENDMENT TO INTERIM
ARRANGEMENT. WE NOTED HIS REPRESENTATION AND EXPECT TO
HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY LATER THIS WEEK.
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